

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS TO
BLACKSTONE GAS COMPANY
D.T.E. 06-49**

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) hereby submits to Blackstone Gas Company (“Blackstone” or “Company”) the following first set of Information Requests.

INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions apply to this set of Information Requests and all subsequent Information Requests issued by the Department to Blackstone Gas Company in this proceeding.

1. “Blackstone” or “Company” means Blackstone Gas Company, its officers, directors, employees, consultants, and attorneys.
2. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate, three-hole punch page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number, the docket number of the case and the name of the person responsible for the answer.
3. Do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. Provide the answers as they are completed. Further, these requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if the or its witness receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.
4. The term “provide complete and detailed documentation” means:

Provide all data, assumptions and calculations relied upon. Provide the source of and basis for all data and assumptions employed. Include all studies, reports and planning documents from which data, estimates or assumptions were drawn and support for how the data or assumptions were used in developing the projections or estimates. Provide and explain all supporting work-papers.
5. The term “document” is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills, checks, articles from journals or other sources and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.

6. If any one of these requests is ambiguous, notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
7. Please serve one (1) original copy of the responses on Mary Cottrell, Secretary of the Department, and one (1) copy to each party on the latest service list. Also submit two (2) copies of the responses to Andrea Saia, Hearing Officer, one (1) copy of the responses to Kevin Brannelly, Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division, one (1) copy of the responses to Sean Hanley, Assistant Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division, one (1) copy of the responses to Stephen Crowley, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division, one (1) copy of the responses to Mauricio Diaz, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division, and one (1) copy of the responses to Miguel Maravi, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division. Nonproprietary responses should also be submitted electronically by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and to all persons on the service list.
8. Responses are due on or before Friday, July 28, 2006.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

- DTE 1-1 Please refer to the Company's filing, Attachment 2, page 2. Provide the source and each quarterly inflation index for the period 2003-2005. In addition, explain whether the quarterly inflation indexes used in D.T.E. 05-43 remain as filed in that case.